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*Uto*; countersigned bill of health. April 14, steamship *Foxhall*, American, master, Larsen; arrived April 13, from New Orleans; crew, 25; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; destination, Mobile direct.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *April 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make a report of quarantine work done during the week ended April 23.

Health conditions are excellent—1 death. Dispatched the following vessels after they had complied with regulations: April 17, steamship *Stillwater*, Galt, American; crew, 24; passengers, 8; cargo, green fruit, baggage disinfected; trunks, 1; bags, 4; valises, 4; arrived from New Orleans, April 16; destination, New Orleans. April 20, steamship *Habil*, Goodmansen, Norwegian, crew, 14; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; arrived April 16, from New Orleans; destination, Mobile. April 21, steamship *Adria*, Rasmussen, Norwegian; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; arrived April 18, from Philadelphia; destination, Mobile, direct.

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PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *April 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby make my report for the week ended April 9. Health of this port and surrounding territory has been excellent; no deaths.

Inspected the following vessels: April 4, steamship *Habil*, Norwegian, Goodmansen, master; arrived, March 31; crew, 14; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; destination, New Orleans direct. April 8, steamship *Alliance*, Norwegian, Nielsen, master; arrived April 4, crew 15, passengers none, cargo, green fruit; destination, Mobile, Ala., direct.

Respectfully,

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#### ITALY.

#### *Reports from Naples—Smallpox in Sicily.*

NAPLES, ITALY, *April 13, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended April 13, 1901, the following ships were inspected:

On April 10, the steamship *Liguria*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,355 steerage passengers and 317 pieces of large and 1,700 pieces of small baggage. Three hundred and sixteen pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 11, the steamship *Aller*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 867 steerage passengers and 129 pieces of

large and 1,160 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and thirty-seven pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 11, the steamship *Trojan Prince*, of the Prince Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 996 steerage passengers and 55 pieces of large and 1,650 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and sixty-nine pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 12, the steamship *Patria*, of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,156 steerage passengers and 60 pieces of large and 1,500 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and sixty-four pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 13, the steamship *Victoria*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,112 steerage passengers and 60 pieces of large and 1,600 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and fifty-six pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 13, the steamship *Christiana*, of the Hamburg American Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 608 steerage passengers and 16 pieces of large and 880 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and three pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

It is expected that the emigration from Naples to New York will be larger this month than it has been for years.

There is an epidemic of smallpox at Acireale, province of Catania, Sicily, and a number of cases are reported as black smallpox.

Smallpox is still prevalent at Naples, as will be seen from the abstract of bills of health incorporated herewith.

Baggage and other effects of all steerage passengers from Naples and all other places where smallpox is reported are disinfected by steam before being placed aboard vessels.

Respectfully,

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NAPLES, ITALY, *April 20, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended April 20, 1901, the following ships were inspected:

On April 16, the steamship *Massilia*, of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,174 steerage passengers and 64 pieces of large and 1,640 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and twenty-eight pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 17, the steamship *Balilla*, of the Celli Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,109 steerage passengers and 65 pieces of large and 1,700 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and forty pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 19, the steamship *Belgravia*, of the Hamburg-American Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 2,223 steerage passengers and 277 pieces of large and 3,200 pieces of small baggage. Five hundred and forty-seven pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 20, the steamship *Vincenzo Florio*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York.

There were inspected and passed 908 steerage passengers and 187 pieces of large and 1,100 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and forty pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 20, the steamship *Werra*, of the North German-Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 925 steerage passengers and 160 pieces of large and 840 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and twenty-four pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

As will be seen from the accompanying weekly abstract of bills of health, smallpox is on the increase at Naples.

Respectfully,

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#### JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Destruction of rats—The depilatory disease.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, April 8, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since my last report of April 2 no quarantinable disease has occurred in epidemic form in Japan proper, and that not a single case of cholera or plague has been met with.

In connection with plague, it is officially reported that since November, 1899, about 3,050,000 rats have been destroyed. Of this number, 232 were found to be infected by pest bacilli, all from the localities of Osaka, Kobe, and Hiogo, Wakayama, Gifu, and Shidzuoka, where, as I have before notified you, human plague has occurred. As the rats found dead or captured in Osaka are now found occasionally infected, we may, I think, confidently expect a speedy reappearance of the epidemic at that point.

*In re* the "depilatory disease" and referring to my report of March 6, I have to say that, while alarming statements continue to appear in the native journals, an official return lately issued with regard to the occurrence of this malady in this, Kanagawa Ken, with a population of 850,000, gives the total number of cases from 1899 to date as 114. It strikes me that in Japan as many cases of ordinary alopecia would be met with in such a population during this period.

Respectfully,

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*A death from plague in Wakayama Ken.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, April 12, 1901.

SIR: Official notice comes this morning of the occurrence of 1 case of plague, taken ill on the 10th and dying on the 11th, in the same locality of Wakayama Ken in which the epidemic of last year prevailed. Special sanitary officials have been already dispatched from Tokyo to the affected locality.

Should a second case appear, I will telegraph you at once.

Respectfully,

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